

Highlights

Retiree appreciation

Nellis Retiree Appreciation Day is Saturday. See details on Page 6.

Halloween highlights

Ghost and goblins haunt Nellis during Halloween festivities. See Page 16.



Red Flag celebrates its 25th anniversary Nov. 10 and 11. Nellis hosts a golf tournament at the Sunrise Vista Golf Course with a formal dinner to follow. Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander, is the scheduled guest speaker. For more information, call Lt. Col. Paul Geier at 652-4440.



Photo by LT. Col. Tim Leaptrott

A member of the 96th Bomb Squadron from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., marshals a B-52 Stratofortress during arrival at Nellis to support Red Flag 01-1.

Bombers swoop in for Red Flag

By Mr. John Monroe **AWFC Public Affairs**

The 96th Bomb Squadron's B-52s made their debut this week during the second period of Red Flag 01-1.

More than 100 crew and support staff from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., deployed with three B-52s in support of the exercise.

The 96th is a part of Barksdale's 2nd Bomb Wing. With three squadrons of B-52 Stratofortress bombers, the 2nd Bomb Wing's goal is to provide flexible, responsive, global combat capability, alone or in concert with other forces and train all Air Combat Command and Air Force Reserve B-52 crews.

"I believe our squadron is gaining a lot of experience participating in a composite force," said Maj. John Robinson, 96th Bomb Squadron deployed commander. "We do not go to war alone so this a perfect opportunity for our squadron to interact with all of these other assets. This gives us a chance to lead the fight and learn how to work together with the total force."

For more than 35 years B-52s have been the primary manned strategic bomber force for the United States. The B-52 is capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons in the U.S. inventory. This includes gravity bombs, cluster bombs and precision guided missiles. Updated with modern technology, the B-52 could continue into the 21st Century as an element of the nation's defenses.

With the incorporation of more electronic warfare into Red Flags, the 96th crew is able to "push the envelope" and meet the technological challenges of maintaining a weapon system, said Maj. Robinson.

'We are ready for any type of challenge," he said. "The increase of electronic warfare gives our crew the opportunity to show our stuff and our awesome capabilities."

Red Flag 01-1 ends Nov. 10 and that is also when Red Flag celebrates its 25th anniversary.



Predator crashes near Dunavo, Kosovo

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Covington AWFC Public Affairs

An RQ-1A unmanned aerial vehicle from the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron crashed Oct. 23 at 12:45 a.m. near Dunavo, Kosovo.

Air Force officials are investigating the cause of the crash.

The RQ-1A, Predator, was being flown by members from 11th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron out of Eagle Base, Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The unit is made up of members of the 11th and 15th Reconnaissance Squadron from Indian Springs Air Field, Nev. They have been deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina since April in support of peacekeeping operations.

The Predator is a medium-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle system. It is used at the Joint Forces Air Component Commander for reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition. The Predator can be employed in moderate risk areas, minimizing the risk to human life.



File photo

A Predator mission team from the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron controls an unmanned aerial vehicle. The Air Force introduced the RQ-1A Predator about three years ago.

New squadron trains for space-based aggression

By Tech. Sgt. Austin Carter AFSPC Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Air aggressor squadrons are not new. Since the creation of the Air Force, these flying squadrons have played the villain of the exercise scenario, attacking fellow blue-suited pilots in war exercises to train them as effectively as possible for the time when they had to go up against the real thing.

By using the doctrines and technology the enemy has and utilizing them, these aggressor squadrons sharpen our sense of the enemy's abilities and how to counteract them.

The long-used nickname for these aggressors is "Gomers," the deep reaches of space. The 527th Space Aggressor Squadron, under the Space Warfare Center at Schriever, became the first space aggressor squadron in history Oct. 23 in a ceremony at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"There have been a number of different aggressor squadrons, but this is the first time that space has stepped into the arena," said Lt. Col. "Rad" Widman, the first commander of the squadron. "This is a major step in bringing defensive and offensive counterspace capabilities to the fight. It's also a new opportunity for Space Command to slip out and play with the rest of the combat air forces on an equal footing."

The threat of space assets being used against American and allied forces is a relatively new concern for war planners. The space aggressors were created nearly two years ago to study the potential threat of enemies using commercial space assets against the U.S. military.

They took the roles of exercise

opponents April 1999 and have since been inundated with requests to participate at exercises. The scope of their job propelled the 52-person shop from being a minor branch at Schriever's SWC, eight miles east of Colorado Springs, into squadron status.

Their mission is similar to the air aggressor squadron without the aircraft - to make the Air Force warrior realize how much they depend upon space assets and how to counteract the enemy's attempts to thwart the use of those assets.

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99th ABW historian receives PACAF award

By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas AWFC Public Affairs

One individual's dedication to Air Force history and preserving its heritage, lead to him being selected for the Pacific Air Forces Heritage Project Award.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Carrillo, 99th Air Base Wing Historian, received the award for projects he and his co-worker completed while stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

The projects included designing a monument dedicated to the wing's members who died while on active duty, a POW/MIA Day ceremony that included Medal of Honor recipient John Levitow as the guest speaker and a historical display dedicated to Gen. Robinson Pisner, Vietnam War prisoner of war.

Sgt. Carrillo admits that he is a history buff, but he could not have accomplished all these tasks alone.

"Master Sgt. Dan Wheaton and I worked on a number of projects together that emphasized the heritage of the Air Force and the 18th Wing at Kadena," said Sgt. Carrillo.

Sgt. Carrillo said he and Sgt. Wheaton put together a historical display of airplane models, uni-

emony that included Medal of forms, photos and memorabilia tell-Honor recipient John Levitow as the ing the history of the 18th Wing.

The historian has already started making plans for preserving the 99th ABW's heritage.

"Sgt. Carillo organized the history office repository immediately after his arrival," said Capt. Kimberly Bullock, 99th ABW. He has great ideas about promoting the wing's history program and establishing the repository was a significant first start."

Before becoming a historian, Sgt. Carrillo was a life support technician in both the Utah Air National Guard and Air Force.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorre

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Carrillo, 99th Air Base Wing Historian, catalogues information he maintains in the historical section.

Air Intelligence Agency merges with ACC

WASHINGTON — Plans are under way to functionally realign Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, under Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., Air Force officials announced Oct. 26.

Effective Feb. 1, 2001, AIA changes from an Air Force field-operating agency to an ACC primary subordinate unit. This realignment, recognizing the growing role of information operations as a warfighting weapon, has a primary objective of enhancing information operations in direct support of the Joint Force commander.

Under the new arrangement, the National Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and the Air Force Information Warfare Center at Kelly Air Force Base will continue to report to the AIA commander. Existing administrative support relationships between AIA and the Air Force Technical Applications

Center remains as well.

The agency's two wings, the 67th Information Operations Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, and the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, Md., will realign under 8th Air Force, headquartered at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Senior Air Force leaders have identified 8th Air Force as the single force presenter for IO products and services. This move brings information operations capabilities into a structure similar to those of other Air Force weapons systems provided to commanders.

Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, AIA commander, said the realignment "doesn't require the relocation of any units and I expect any changes to manning levels to be minimal."

The AIA's mission is to provide fullspectrum information operations products, applications, services and resources to Air Force major commands, Air Force components and national decision-makers.



Photo by Master Sgt. David No

Senior Airman Scott Black (front), Master Sgt. Charles Botdorf and Staff Sgt. Brian Sommers (back), all of the 97th Intelligence Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., operate test equipment on board an RC-135 Rivet Joint. The Air Force announced a force structure change that aligns the Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and its subordinate units under Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., effective Feb. 1.

Squadron

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"We are what, in this business, are commonly referred to as Gomers," Col. Widman said. "Gomers are not the enemy, but we replicate them. Gomers have to be the best. We know what the capabilities of blue forces system are, and we must also be experts at employing enemy systems."

The squadron is divided into

four functional areas: the Imagery Exploitation Flight, the Electronic Warfare Flight, the Red Attack Flight and the Space Control Flight.

The Imagery Exploitation Flight explores the Internet for the commercial satellite imagery available to anyone with a computer and a credit card. Commanders on the ground are often astonished at the detail and accuracy of the images.

"The commander becomes very

sensitive to that fact that the adversary has a much clearer picture of what U.S. forces are trying to do," Col. Widman said. "They can find out where planes, depots, soldier barracks and perimeter fences are. It could be done with untrained analysts downloading commercial imagery."

The squadron flexed its muscles recently at the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment this year with

jamming scenarios. This resulted in a checklist for communications operators to counteract the jamming. The "lessons learned" portion of the exercises falls under the Space Control Flight.

In August of next year, they will join air aggressors for the first time in an attempt to disrupt the "blue force" operations in Red Flag at Nellis.



652-4636



Nellis Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are

Wing commander not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044 Commissary - 643-7919 Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Retiree Appreciation Day

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nellis Air Force Base Conference Center, Bldg. 555, activities:

9 to 10 a.m. - Welcome remarks from 99th Air Base Wing commander 10 to 11 a.m. - Keynote speaker

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. - 99th Medical Group commander and TriCare

1 to 2 p.m. - Threat Training Facility tour 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Keynote speaker

The alternate location is the Theater.

All day events:

A flight line tour departs from the conference center every hour. Receive assistance with identification cards, survivor benefits, Cold War certificates and vehicle registration and passes from the Mission Support Squadron, Bldg. 20

Medical Group activities, shots, briefings:

The Information Fair is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the conference center. Tetanus shots, Veterans Administration, Health and Wellness Center, Pharmacy, Tri-Care

Dining facilities:

8 a.m. to noon - Breakfast - Retirees receive a 25 percent discount at the Enlisted Club, Bldg. 324

11:30 to 12:30 - Lunch at Mountain View Dining Facility, Bldg. 567

For more information, call 652-6910.

99th Air Base Wing **Commander's Call**

99th ABW holds its commander's call Tuesday in the Theater. Refer to the list of specified times for units.

7 a.m. and 9 a.m. 99th Support Group 99th ABW staff

11 a.m. Open

1 p.m. 99th Logistics Group 99th Comptroller Squadron

4 p.m. 99th Medical Group

7 p.m. Open

This commander's call is mandatory for military members and highly encouraged for civilians. Personnel should attend at times designated for their unit, however, if schedules do not permit, they should attend when possible.



TriCare continues to build confidence

By Maj. Deborah Moes TriCare Flight Commander

To assist in communicating TriCare benefits, Congress has mandated the appointment of a Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator formerly known as the Health Benefits Advisor at every military treatment facility.

"Continuing to build your confidence in TriCare is a challenge that we take seriously here at TriCare Management Activity," said Dr. James Sears, director of TMA. "We know TriCare is a quality health care benefit, but the very complexities and details that make it comprehensive can make it difficult to use and understand, at times. Our goal is to communicate clearly the health benefit program information, and respond to concerns and needs."

The BCAC serves as a beneficiary advocate

and problem-solver providing dedicated service to Military Healthcare System beneficiaries. Some examples of the services offered by the BCAC include providing beneficiaries with information on healthcare services cov-



ered or excluded from TriCare, and how these benefits integrate with other healthcare payment sources, such as healthcare insurance supplements and employer provided healthcare coverage.

Additionally, the BCAC helps beneficiaries resolve concerns when they are not satisfied with services provided by other parties, and helps ensure beneficiaries receive the services and benefits that are appropriate based on their chosen TriCare option. Finally, the BCAC also helps explain and assist beneficiaries in understanding the TriCare claims process, to include information on understanding explanation of benefits letters, determining legitimate TriCare out-of-pocket costs, claims denials, pre-authorization requirements and third-party liability.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to MHS healthcare benefits, contact the 99th Medical Group's BCAC, Mrs. Louise Craig. Her office is located in the TriCare Flight, or she can be reached at 653-2500.



Black beret to be Army's standard headgear

By Mr. Gary Sheftick **Army News Service**

WASHINGTON - Black berets, now worn by soldiers in elite Ranger units, will become the Army's standard headgear next June, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced Tues-

"It is time for the entire Army to accept the challenge of excellence that has so long been a hallmark of our special operaShinseki said. Adopting the berets will be another step toward achieving the capabilities of the objective force of Army transformation, he

Soldiers will begin wearing the beret June 14, the first Army birthday of the new millennium, Gen. Shinseki said.

All soldiers, regardless of rank or branch, will wear the beret if they meet the Army standard, Gen. Shinseki said. He added that Sgt.

tions and airborne units," Gen. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley would come up with a plan to establish the standard and implement the change.

> "Putting that beret on will become part of a soldier's rite of passage," Sgt. Maj. Tilley said.

> "I've got to tell you I was genuinely excited when I first heard about it," Sgt. Maj. Tilley said of the beret idea.

> "I think it will do a lot for soldiers' pride and image. It will probably be something of a shock when soldiers

first hear about it, but it's something we need as the Army moves through transformation."

Gen. Shinseki made the beret announcement at the end of his speech to more than 2,000 members of the Association of the United States Army Oct. 17 at the organization's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Along with Army transformation, he discussed readiness and personnel issues such as reducing "turbulence" among the force.



Augmentees help Red Flag run smoother

By Tech. Sgt. Renee Nelson 366th Wing Public Affairs

Over 750 augmentees were at Nellis to support aircrews from the 366th Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, during their participation in Red Flag exercises.

These troops are from the equipment maintenance, supply, transportation, operations support, logistics support, component repair, air control and other wing agencies. These also include maintenance and other support personnel of the five flying squadrons who deployed here from Mountain Home.

"This is what we train to do back at our home station," said Master Sgt. Richard Crawley, 390th Fighter Squadron production superintendent. "Here we employ these skills on a much larger scale. The maintainers see the benefits of what they do here, and you have better teamwork because of the mission."

Teamwork is also an essential part of the expeditionary operations center, a combat initiative new to Red Flag exercises.

The EOC not only controls the operations of the air expeditionary forces from Mountain Home, but also controls those of other units deployed to Nellis for Red Flag: Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.; Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.; Naval Air Facility Washington, D.C., and Cherry Point Naval Air Station, N.C.

The EOC includes the director, command post, wing scheduler, combat operations, maintenance operations center, logistics report and control, weather and wing historian.

According to Tech. Sgt. Mark Mastre, maintenance operations center senior controller in the EOC, it's pretty much business as usual

Sgt. Mastre collects information from the controllers from all the other squadrons and compiles briefings on the readiness of each squadron from an aircraft maintenance standpoint. A total of 14 controllers are divided among three shifts, each handling information from several squadrons.

"It's working out really well," said Sgt. Mastre. "The process has been pretty smooth." He said the success was due in part to excellent support from Core Automated Maintenance System.

Responsibility for CAMS during the deployment lies with Senior Airman Chris Schaeuble, maintenance data systems analyst and database manager. CAMS documents aircraft maintenance and aircraft status such as flying hours, sorties flown and deviations. Airman Schaeuble also develops a spreadsheet that tracks all aircraft maintenance and mission capable rates, and predicts when aircraft will need preventive maintenance.

Chief of wing operations center in the EOC, Lt. Col. Betty Lucas said it's very exciting to be a part of Red Flag. "This is the first time the command post has been deployed with the MOC," said Col. Lucas. "It's great to be up close to the operations, and to be part of the combat ops is very interesting."

At a nearby workstation also within the EOC, Capt. Tagg Timm, weather flight commander, works with his three weather forecasters and one weather observer from Mountain Home. His staff also includes one person from Holloman who handles F-117-specific support.

"Every airframe has its own unique weather requirement," said Capt. Timm. He explained that "moderate turbulence" could have a draties are similar to those at Mountain Home.

"There's not much difference because you're guarding resources just like on the ramp, making sure only authorized personnel are in the area," he said.

Among those routinely visiting the EOC is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Randy Hesgard, who has been assigned to the 366th Wing for a little more than a year.

"The Logistics Group asked me to come along with them to monitor morale and try to keep the spirits up," the chaplain said.

His daily routine includes visiting deployed troops, giving out sports drinks and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Tiffany

Capt. David Stock and Staff Sgt. Troy Verbowski, both from the 390th Fighter Squadron, perform a pre-flight inspection on an aircraft.

matically different effect on a large tanker than it does on a small, high-powered fighter.

"This is good training for our observer, Senior Airman Jessica Smith, because she has never deployed before," he said. The staff gathers and records weather data, then compiles the information for briefing to the other Red Flag agencies.

Outside the EOC, members of the 366th Security Forces Squadron provide 24-hour security for the site, checking identification and restricted area badges. Airman 1st Class Shawn Canole, one of six members of the 366th SFS deployed to Nellis, said his responsibili-

candy, and providing counseling. Oct. 26 the chaplain spent the afternoon distributing snow cones to troops along the flightline. The Nellis Chapel donated the cups, syrup, and use of the ice shaving machine.

First sergeant for the 22nd ARS, Master Sgt. Robert Magee, assisted the chaplain with the snow cone mission. Sgt. Magee and Master Sgt. Jan Taylor, 366th OSS first sergeant, are responsible for the general supervision of all enlisted personnel during the deployment.

"People are our business," said Sgt. Magee. "We take care of people."



FSC provides tips for holiday spending

By Tech. Sgt. Gayle Barajas AWFC Public Affairs

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Turkey, decorations and gifts are only a few of the items on most consumers shopping lists.

The Family Support Center has a few tips for shoppers to consider during the holiday spending season.

First, prepare a budget – not just for the holidays but an annual one.

"Do a budget in terms of how much money is being spent on the little things as well as the larger monthly bills," said Mr. Mack Williams, Personal Financial Management Program manager.

Income, sales, state and property taxes should also be

taken into consideration when planning a budget, Mr. Williams said. These numbers are usually underestimated. Allocate at least four months of base pay for income taxes, he continued.

The second tip is to avoid payday loan establishments where a post-dated check is written in return for instant cash.

"Payday loans cost more than most people think," said Ms. Marty Merryman, PFMP assistant. "The cost of writing checks is expensive. It can cost up to \$60 for a single cash advance."

Finally, avoid establishing numerous credit accounts.

"Credit card debt mixed with overestimating income and lack of planning can lead to financial problems," said Mr. Williams.

"These financial problems can lead to members visiting the Family Support Center by choice or in some cases by referral", said Ms. Merryman.

"Financial problems are more than dollars and cents", said Mr. Williams. "These problems impact the entire family."

The Family Support Center staff encourages those who are experiencing financial difficulties to call for an appointment. The staff not only provides guidance on creating a budget, but will help start a savings and investment plan to meet individual financial goals.

The Family Support Center is open weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-3327.

Holiday spending tips

- * Create a written plan for holiday spending. This plan should include possible gifts, dollar amounts and alternative choices.
- * Establish spending limits for each gift.
- * Shrink holiday gift list to match budget.
- * Wait for the sales and watch for items on gift list.
- * Ask retailers for expected sale dates.
- * Shop later in the season. Consider shopping at liquidators, buying clubs and factory outlet stores.
- * Give gifts to adults on New Year's Day instead of Christmas—taking advantage of after Christmas sales.
- * Spend cash and avoid using credit cards. Be aware of credit card balance.
- * If checks are used, record and calculate account balance after each one.
- * Be creative, give a card to friends entitling them to a night of babysitting.
- * Send holiday greeting cards only to those who won't be in the area during the holidays.
- * Make gifts at home. For example, a freshly baked loaf of bread, cookies, desserts or a collage of photographs. Also consider bringing a homemade item for office functions.
- * Instead of giving money give U.S. Savings Bonds—they cost half of the face value.

Editor's note: Information provided by Family Support Center.



Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Martin Vance

Unit: 99th Comptroller Squadron

Duty Title: Financial technician

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Time in the Air Force: 1 year and 7

months

Time at Nellis: 1 year and 2 months

Hobbies: Going to art galleries, concerts, movies and taking road trips

Most significant Air Force memory:

During graduation, the march down the bomb run with the flights of graduating airmen as far as the eye could see.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels



Nellis Talent Show

Come out and perform for the Nellis community and receive a chance at becoming a member of Tops in Blue. Singers, dancers, musicians, stage technicians and more are needed for the base talent show Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in the base theater. The talent show is free, so bring family and friends for a night of enjoyment. For more information, call Ms. Rosie Ward at 652-9307.



Cultural association spreads knowledge

By 1st Lt. Maurice Lee 414th Combat Training Squadron

Members of Nellis' African American Cultural Association (AACA) volunteered their time at a local school Oct. 20.

Quanna McCall Elementary School hosted their annual Fall Carnival for more than 400 students in grades 4 through 6.

The carnival consisted of booths, events and raffles for students, teachers and parents. The carnival is held every year. This year's carnival had a twist, Nellis' AACA.

AACA was searching for community volunteer opportunities for its members and found that Quanna McCall Elementary would be a great place to start.

Members of Team Nellis entertained and educated the children about the Air Force while having fun. In the spirit of the Air Force's enhanced physical fitness standards the children participated in relay races, football toss challenges, and fitness drills.

The youth enjoyed the military instruction and simulated training instructors from Nellis. Stickers, posters, water bottles and T-shirts from local booster clubs and organizations on base were donated to the efforts of AACA. Many of the parents and teachers inquired about future Air Force opportunities for their children and students.

Community service is only one facet of Nellis' AACA. Three main goals were set by the members of the association: African American cultural events to promote awareness, community service and the establishment of a scholarship fund. So far association has hosted events at the Enlisted Club to include a Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon, Juneteenth luncheon, investment seminar in conjunction with



Photos by 1st Lt. Maurce Lee

Staff Sgt. Adrian Garrison, 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, talks with students from Quanna McCall Elementary School. Members of the African American Cultural Association visited the school Oct. 20.

Family Services and a dinner dance. Each of these events have a two fold purpose raise funds for scholarships and to educate the Nellis population on African-American holidays and traditions.

AACA has also donated a portion of its proceeds to the National Headquarters for Sickle Cell Anemia Research in Atlanta, Ga. AACA promotes unity through diversity and would encourage anyone on base interested to join their efforts.

AACA meets the first and third Thursdays of every month at noon in the Enlisted Club.

For more information on the Nellis' AACA, contact any of the following members by e-mail: maurice.lee@nellis.af.mil; a a r o n . g o r d o n @ n e l l i s . a f . m i l; dameon.jackson@nellis.af.mil.



Shown here is an overview of the activities that took place during the African American Cultural Association's visit to Quanna McCall.





File photo

Senior Airman Michael Jeffrey, Senior Airman Gilbert Acosta, Airman 1st Class Tyrell Samifua and Staff Sgt. Herman Wake put a cargo net over a pallet. These 99th Supply Squadron members were part of the pallet build-up event during the 2000 Supply and Fuels Readiness Competition Sonoran Shootout at Davis-Monthan Air Force, Ariz. Base, Oct. 18. Team Nellis took second place in the event.

Supply competes in shootout

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Covington AWFC Public Affairs

The 99th Supply Squadron made an impressive showing in the 2000 Supply and Fuels Readiness Competition Sonoran Shootout at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Oct. 18.

Competing against more than 40 Air Force installations worldwide, the Nellis team placed in two of the 11 events held at the Air Force worldwide annual event, the battlefield scenario and the pallet build-up competitions. These two events were team-competitions.

Impressive is how Senior Airman Gilbert Acosta, a member of the 99th Supply Squadron team said when describing his fellow teammate's effort in the annual competition. According to the airman, the supply squadron has a high operations tempo and difficulty finding the time to practice for the event. "We practiced during lunch times, after work, weekends and days off – anytime we could find we practiced," he said. "Our placing in two of the events just shows the raw talent and motivation we have."

"I'm proud of Team Nellis," said Maj. Thomas Redford, 99th Supply Squadron commander. "These troops prepared for a major world-wide event while still doing their day-to-day work. I know that their efforts will greatly reflect on the squadron when the Daedalion Award Team comes to Nellis."

The battlefield scenario tasked a combined fuel and supply team, two members from fuels and two from supply. The event began with a simulated chemical attack. The team must immediately take cover

and don their ground crew ensemble. After the attack the team members did a sweep of the area for unexploded munitions, find a casualty and perform self-aid and buddy care. They must then finish the delivery of a supply order and, finally, exit through a minefield.

The pallet build-up competition determined a four-member team's ability to quickly and properly build a pallet and safely load it onto a flatbed.

The Nellis team placed second in both events. In the battlefield scenario event, Nellis was only four points behind Beale Air Force Base, Calif., 95-99. The Nellis team was two points behind the United States Air Force in Europe team's perfect score in the pallet build-up event.

Other competitions included the barebase bulk storage setup, figure-eight in shelter refuel, lab analysis, fuel tire change, M-16, relay race, fork-lift figure eight, 1.5 ton backing event and tractortrailer events. Overall, Nellis placed 15th with a score of 801 points. USAFE took first place with 1007 followed by Beale with 970 points.

Team Nellis members are: Fuels Team

Senior Airman Mike Dunblazier Senior Airman Thomas Freed Senior Airman Michael Vincent Airman 1st Class Jason Newman Senior Airman Kevin Tippetts **Supply Team**

Tech. Sgt. Robert Black Staff Sgt. Herman Wake Senior Airman Gilbert Acosta Senior Airman Michael Jeffery Airman 1st Class Tyrell Samifua



MEO launches new assessment program

By Capt. Jill Ortiz 99th Air Base Wing ME

The Military Equal Opportunity office has an Air Force approved program called the Out and About Climate Assessment.

The purpose of Out and About is to gather perceptions on equal opportunity and treatment and quality of life issues for the wing, unit or appropriate agency chief. The Out and About program encompasses all 99th Air Base Wing, 57th Wing, 53rd Wing, Air Warfare Center and tenant units located at Nellis.

The duration of the visits vary from one to two hours depending on the number of personnel assigned to the organization. They include talking to personnel in the various duty sections to gain insight into their thoughts and ideas on job and community environment, peer relationships, communication flow within the unit, recognition and fair treatment.

At the conclusion of the visit, a Military Equal Opportunity technician meets with the commander or agency chief to discuss their observations and comments made by unit personnel. Anonymity is respected and individual identities are not divulged.

The goal is to visit each unit at least once per year. However, some units may receive more visits depending on whether they have had a unit climate assessment performed. In this case, the MEO technician conducts an Out and About visit three months after an assessment is completed.

Dormitories, installation common areas, such as Base Exchange and service station, and local off-base establishments will receive visits on a semi-annual basis. Feedback from the dormitory visits will be provided to first sergeants and the central dorm manager.

The MEO looks forward to meeting and visiting all the organizations assigned to Nellis and Indian Springs. For more information, or to obtain a schedule, call 652-9420.

Free \$20 phone cards from the Air Force Aid Society

If you are deploying or going TDY for more than 30 days, stop by the Family Support Center with your orders and get a free \$20 worldwide phone card. For more information, call 652-3327.



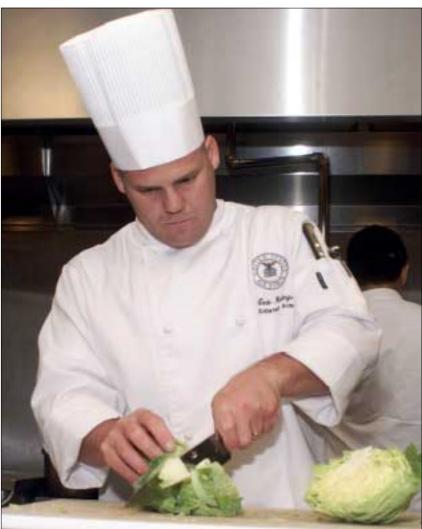


Photo by Staff Sgt. Molly Gillian

Staff Sgt. Ernie Ridings, Air Warfare Center, cuts through a head of lettuce while preparing a gourmet style salad.

Cooking gourmet style

By Ms. Martine Ramos AWFC Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Ernie Ridings, Air Warfare Center commander's enlisted aide, is the Air Force's "guinea pig" for testing a potential internship program for Air Force enlisted aides at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas.

According to Master Sgt. Gary Murdock, Air Force General's Group program manager at the Pentagon, the program is very experimental.

"Sgt. Ridings was the obvious choice to help us test the internship, since he's already there," said Sgt. Murdock. "He will give us suggestions on course length, curriculum and number of aides to send through the course. We expect the experiment to be a success."

Ms. Jennifer Tipps, food and beverage manager at the Bellagio, also expects program success.

"We expect the internship to last a week once it gets started," said Ms. Tipps. "It will be an intense course, but it should give the participants good background into the gourmet side of food preparation and presentation," said Ms. Tipps.

Sgt. Ridings is looking forward to the internship.

"Anything I can do to help the Air Force," he said.



America Recycles Day

ARD is Nov. 15. The purpose of the program is to obtain pledges from people to increase their recycling efforts and to buy recycled products.

The Nellis Environmental Office is sponsoring events in support of ARD. Visit the display booths Nov. 15 at the Home and Garden Center and Base Exchange to obtain pledge forms. The booths will showcase the recycling program here at Nellis.

More information on the program can be found by viewing the Web site: www.americarecyclesday.org.



Nellis hosts CRUD annual play-off championships

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz 99th Services Squadron

Loud cheers echoed through Nellis' Officers' Club as the Air Combat Command's third annual CRUD play-off championships hit the tables Oct. 27.

With continuous competition over three days of challenges, Langley Air Force Base, Va., prevailed over a competitive Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., winning the championship.

"One hundred and forty CRUD games were played at Nellis with the 20 base winners playing to determine the eight teams that made it to the finals," said Mr. Robin Sleeth, ACC CRUD official.

"The teams are so fresh and good," said Capt. John Dunks, Whiteman team member. "This has been awe-some and Nellis is great."

Langley's team members include Capt. Anthony Ramage, Capt. Clay Thompson and Capt. Chris Duffy. Whiteman earned second place and Mt. Home Air Force Base, Idaho, finished in third.

"It has been very exciting," with a sweaty brow and a sparkle in his eye,

Capt. Ramage said. "There were a lot of good players out here which has kept the pressure on." from private corporations having no cost to the clubs. First National Bank and Allied Domeca Spirits USA sup-

The energetic game consists of three players on each team, and each person has four lives. The goal is to remain alive long enough to win the game by throwing the cue ball into one of the six pockets while being blocked by the opponent.

"We played some good ball," said Capt. Thompson. "The competition was tough."

"Since 1980, CRUD has been played in the United States," said Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston, Air Warfare Center commander. "Within the last 17 years, I have seen CRUD maintain the esprit de corps in our clubs. That is what makes us different in the community. Crud players love a desperate battle in search of a victory."

The tournament is open to Officers' Club members and their family members age 21 or older.

"The tournaments are open to anyone who has an interest," said Mr. Sleeth. "We even had an all female tournament at Langley. It really is catching on."

Sponsorship of the event came

from private corporations having no cost to the clubs. First National Bank and Allied Domecq Spirits USA supplied the prizes, shirts and transportation of the contestants to Nellis. Each first place player received \$1,000, second place players received \$500 and third place received \$250 in travel vouchers. All

teams winning the base level competition received a \$100 club card credit.

"The objective here is to put fun back into clubs," said Col. Joseph Komisarz, ACC director of services. "This is super for the players, Nellis' services squadron did a fantastic job supporting CRUD."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorre

Capt. Clay Thompson (right), Langley Air Force Base, Va., attempts to block the shot of Capt. Kevin Yates, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., during the Crud annual play-off championships.



Be a Hero program announces winner

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz 99th Services Squadron

The first winner of eight Be a Hero weekly drawings was selected Oct. 27.

Staff Sgt. Steven Silvani, 57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, won the first vacation getaway package while spending quality time on Nellis with his daughter, Casey.

"The Be a Hero program is a wonderful way to bring families closer while participating in Nellis services," said Maj. Joseph Mastrianna, 99th Services Squadron commander. "It also is a great way to win some fun prizes."

"We placed three Be a Hero tickets into the drawing, and I can't believe we won," said Sgt. Silvani.

The Be a Hero program is

a way for parents to spend time together while participating in service's activities.

"We like to participate in the Be a Hero program because of the family bonding," said Sgt. Silvani. "It is hard on my family because my wife is deployed."

The program has designated activities where families can earn stamps.

"We bowl a lot," he said.
"My daughter and I use most of the services on the base, and she goes to Lomie Heard."

The winning vacation package includes a four-day, three-night stay at a chosen destination with deluxe accommodations. There are 98 locations and 115 resorts to choose from within the United States and overseas. Families can also

win 200 minutes of free long distance phone cards.

Once his wife, Tech. Sgt. Kelly Silvani, returns to Nellis from Kwang Ju Air Base, Korea, Sgt. Silvani said they will plan a trip to California.

To become a part of the fun, just ask for a Be a Hero card at the following Services facilities: Nellis Boys & Girls Club, Child Development Centers I & II, Library, Community Center, Enlisted and Officers' Clubs, Bowling Center, Golf Course, Outdoor Recreation and Skills Development Center.

Air Combat Command's Be a Hero contest continues through Dec. 15. AT&T and Servicity.com sponsor the Be a Hero program. For more information, call 652-5655.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Sorrels

Staff Sgt. Steve Silvani reads with his daughter, Casey, at the Youth Center on Halloween.



Sports Briefs

Night Golf Tournament

Sunrise Vista's Night Ball Tournament is today. Entry fee of \$25 includes green fee, cart and night ball. Registration is accepted until 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 652-2602.

Football players and cheerleaders

Registration for youth flag football Nov. 15. Cost is \$30 for players and \$20 for cheerleaders plus a Nellis Boys & Girls Club activity card. A current physical is required. Family members ages 6 through 15 of active duty, retired military and Department of Defense employees can participate. To sign up, call Mr. Bob Garcia 652-6019.

Coaches needed

Everyone is welcome to apply - not just parents. Applications are being accepted through Nov. 15 for coaches and assistant coaches for football and basketball. For more information, call Mr. Bob Garcia at 652-6019.

Skins Bowling Tournament

The tournament is Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Cash prizes are awarded. No handicap is required, and entry fee is \$25. Preregistration is suggested so sign up no

later than 30 minutes prior to start time. For more information, call Mr. John Graham 652-2602.

Winter basketball

Registration for winter basketball starts in January. Cost is \$30 plus a Nellis Boys & Girls Club activity card. Current physical and proof of age is required. For more information, call Mr. Bob Garcia at 652-6019.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Throw the football!

to throw a pass as 57th Component game Oct. 27. 57LSS won 12-0.

57th Logistics Support Squadron Repair Squadron rusher, Tim Beck quarterback, James Knox pulls back flies in for the sack in an intramural



Nellis News

AFSA

The Air Force Sergeant's Association holds their annual Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the Enlisted Club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 and the deadline to sign up is Nov. 6. For more information or to RSVP, call 453-1627 or 647-9400.

Retirement ceremony

Retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. James Paschall, 15th Reconnaissance Squadron, is scheduled for Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Guthrie at 652-0692.

Intramural basketball

A basketball coaches meeting is Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. in Outdoor Recreation. Intramural season begins Dec. 4. For more information, call 652-6433.

Office move

As of Nov. 1, the Civilian Personnel Flight in Bldg. 20 temporarily relocated so the office could be re-carpeted and painted. The customer service area and some of the staff moved into Room 100, across the lobby from their present location in room 120. The telephone numbers remain the same.

Airman's attic

The Airman's Attic needs beds from single to queen size, furni-

ture and household items. Drop donations off on the south side of the Attic anytime. For more information or pick up of items, call Senior Master Sgt. Ellen Reynolds at 652-3327.

57th Wing chief position

The AFPC Chiefs Group seeks volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position at the 57th Wing reporting no later than Jan. 31. For more information, call Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section at 652-9073/9459.

Swap meet

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club's monthly swap meet is Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center Dock. Come out and look for bargains on slightly used items for sale. For more information or to get a spot for next swap meet Dec. 2, call 652-9307.

Crosswinds closure

Crosswinds Dining Facility temporarily closes for the holiday season after the lunch meal Nov. 22. It re-opens for lunch Jan. 2. For more information, call the Food Service Staff office at 652-7255.

Property, vehicle bids

Outdoor Recreation is selling excess non-appropriated fund furniture and equipment today, 8 to 11 a.m. Items include desks, tables, chairs and more. Bid on

two vehicles today through Thursday. One is a 1992 GMC van and the other is a 1992 24-passenger Diamond bus, which can be seen at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 652-8967.

"Who's Your Hero" contest

Children are encouraged to write in 100 words or less why they view their parent as a hero. One entry is selected weekly command-wide. Winners receive \$100 in on-line shopping for their hero. Go to www.servicity.com to enter. Contest ends Dec. 8. AT&T and Servicity are sponsors of this program.

National family appreciation

Enjoy a free family taco dinner Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Nellis Boys & Girls Club children perform songs as entertainment. Receive a "Be a Hero" stamp for participating. Watch for more National Family Appreciation events in November. For more information, call 652-9307.

Thanksgiving dinner

All ranks and their families are invited to the Officers' Club to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Menu consists of roast turkey, baked ham with rum raisin sauce, green beans almondine, fresh mashed potatoes and gravy, baked candied yams, pumpkin pie, pecan pie and much more. Cost is \$12.95 for club members and

their guests, \$6.95 for children ages 5 to 12, and \$15.95 for eligible nonmembers. Call 644-2582 to make reservations.

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club

Winter break activities

school-age program winter break activities are Dec. 18 through 29. The program is open to all family members in grades one through six. Registration begins Nov. 20 for priority school-age parents. All other parents needing childcare for the winter break may register beginning Dec. 11. Bring proper identification to establish eligibility, child's birth certificate and immunization records and a copy of both parents' pay statements. Fees are based on total family income. For more information on the winter break activities or the school-age program, call the Nellis Boys & Girls Club at 652-9307.

Council meeting

The Healthcare Consumers Advisory meeting is Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Main Conference room of the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital. All are welcome. For more information, call 653-2000.

Thunderbird closure

The Thunderbird Hangar closes Wednesday for an end-ofyear squadron function. For more information, call 652-2278.



Nellis Living

Editor's note: Bullseye submissions are due by noon the Friday prior to publication.

Auto Skills Center 652-2284

Inspection class

Nevada is looking for people to perform emission inspections on vehicles. Auto Skills offers a class Monday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$90 and participants can take state test to be licensed inspectors.

> **Base Theater** 652-5020

Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the e-mail mailing list, send your requests to angel1m@lvcm.com.

Today Bait (R)

Jamie Fox, David

Morse

Saturday, Sunday, Monday The Watcher (R)

James Spader, Keanu Reeves

Thursday

Way of the Gun (R)

Ryan Phillippe, Benicio Del Toro

Theater is closed **Tuesday and Wednesday**

> Chapel 652-2950

Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

Mass: Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9:45 a.m. more information, call Mr. and 12:30 p.m.

Protestant worship

Sunday: Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

Classes/Activities

Catholic Religious Education classes for ages 3 through 12th grade is Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953

Protestant Religious Education class is Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

Young Adults meet 6 to 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 644-6568.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meet 1:30 p.m. Sundays in the Chapel basement.

Men of the Chapel meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

"Lord, I need grace to make it" is a study on the endless grace of God. Classes are Thursdays through Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 643-5981.

Widows in the Neighborhood monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

Bible Study is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

RCIA, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Glenn Noehl at 648-1401.

Community Center 652-5014

Talent contest

Enjoy free entertainment at the Family & Teen Talent Contest today, 7 p.m. at the Community Center Dock. Winners are videotaped and submitted for Air Force-level competition.

Education Office 652-5280

Test taking

Study Skills and Test Taking Class schedules are available for the new fiscal year. Learn techniques on reading and remembering, studying for tests, and testtaking tips.

Family Support Center 652-3327

Job Fair

The Family Support Center hosts a Job Fair on Wednesday 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations are not required. Representatives from local and out-of-state agencies will speak about employment opportunities with their companies. Bring resumes, portfolios, and necessary papers to complete an application.

Contest

The Family Support Center sponsors a base-wide slogan contest. The winner receives \$100. Pick up entry forms at the FSC front desk. Only one slogan submission per individual. Only Nellis employees, active-duty members and their families may enter the contest. Deadline for entries is Nov. 17.

Ready, set grow

Class is Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. for parents of children between the ages of 3 and 36 months. Join with

other parents to reinforce parenting skills and learn new ones.

Welcome to Nellis

New to Las Vegas? Want to learn more about Nellis and the local area? Come to Welcome to Nellis Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to meet other newcomers, learn about the local community, take a bus tour of Nellis, and have a free lunch courtesy of Burger King. Childcare is provided compliments of the Officer Spouses' Club. Call now for reservations.

Couples seminar

What planet are you from? Come to this continuing video presentation series to learn how to improve communication skills and enjoy a happy relationship. Sessions are Tuesday, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5 and 12, 6 to 8 p.m.

HAWC 653-3376

Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout is scheduled for Nov. 16. This day is set aside to encourage smokers to kick the habit. Join the 5K Run/Walk 7:30 a.m. at the Sports and Fitness Center. The top three winners in each of the age categories receive a plaque. Participants are encouraged to preregister. To sign up for the run/walk, call the Sports and Fitness Center at 652-4891.

Massage therapy

Massage therapy has many health benefits. It is a stress management tool, can reduce blood pressure and increase circulation. The holidays are rapidly approaching. Give a gift certificate for a massage. HAWC offers full body massage and back rub therapy by a nationally certified therapist. Appointments are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices are 15 minutes for \$15; 30 minutes for \$25; 60 minutes for \$45; and 90 minutes for \$60. To schedule appointments, call 653-3375/3376.

Library 652-4484

Roses in the desert

Learn tips on growing roses from an expert Wednesday, 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the base library. The speaker has lived in Las Vegas for 30 years, and currently grows over 300 roses, serves as a rosarian and life judge for the American Rose Society. There is no charge. Call 652-4484 to sign up.

> **Nellis Boys** & Girls Club 652-9307

Passport to Manhood

This free class, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays starting in November, teaches ages 11 to 14 personal decision making, ethics and more.

Outdoor Recreation 652-8967

Black Canyon trip

This canoe adventure starts below Hoover Dam and travels 13 miles down the Colorado River to Willow Beach Nov. 11. The group will stop at a sauna cave, hot springs and beaches. Cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch.

Tickets & Tours 652-2192

Knott's Berry Farm

Bring in your military identification card and receive free admission for one military person and a guest to Knott's Berry Farm. Children are free on specific days and additional guests are \$10 each. For more information, call Tickets & Tours.

Six Flags trip

Enjoy a day trip to Six Flags Nov. 18 without the hassles of parking or finding hotels. Bus departs at 3:30 a.m. and heads back at 6 p.m. Cost is \$68 per person and \$60 for children from age 2 up to 48 inches tall. Price includes transportation and admission. Sign up by Wednesday.